~~Patent Claims~~

1. An operator unit for an X-ray examining apparatus, having an operating field for operation of an operating system of the X-ray examining apparatus and a monitor for displaying an X-ray image for an operator, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an identification system including a counterpart device (3, 3.1) and an identification means (4, 4.1) for an operator (6) is incorporated into an operator unit (10) of the X-ray examining apparatus.

2. The operator unit according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the counterpart means (3) is a card reader.

3. The operator unit according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the identification means (4) is a contacting identification device.

4. The operator unit according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the contacting identification device (4) is one of a chip card or a magnetic card.

5. The operator unit according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the identification device (4.1) is an identification device which operates without contact.

6. The operator unit according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the identification device is a transceiver unit or a transponder which works together with the counterpart device (3.1) of the identification system without contact.

7. The operator unit according to claim 5 ~~or 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the non-contact link between the identification device (4.1) and the counterpart device (3.1) is maintained within a local area (N).

8. The operator unit according to ~~at least one of the preceding~~ claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the counterpart means (3, 3.1) has a read and/or write mode by means of which the identification device (~~4~~ 4, ~~4~~ 4.1) is read and/or written with installation-specific and/or person-specific data.

9. The operator unit according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that this~~ wherein the read data is recorded in various X-ray apparatuses and is combined and stored centrally on or by means of the identification device (4, 4.1).

10. The operator unit according to ~~at least one of~~ claims 1 ~~through 9~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the counterpart device (4, 4.1) is integrated into the

operating field (2).

11. The operator unit according to ~~one or more of the preceding~~ claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an individual instrument setting and/or keyboard management of keys (2.1) on the operating field (2) is accomplished by means of the identification device (4, 4.1).

12. The operator unit according to ~~one or more of the preceding~~ claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the operator unit is cleared and/or activated by the identification device (4, 4.1).

13. The operator unit according to ~~one or more of the preceding~~ claims 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the identification device (4, 4.1) is connected to the operator (6) by a mechanical connection (5).

14. The operator unit according to ~~one or more of the preceding~~ claims 1, ~~through 13, characterized in that~~ wherein a live scanner (20) is also connected upstream from the identification system.